

FORM B - BUILDING

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FORM NO.
399



Town Lexington

Address 4 Upland Road

Historic Name _____

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1900

Source map research

Style Colonial Revival

Architect Abram C. Washburn, builder

Exterior wall fabric _____

Outbuildings garage

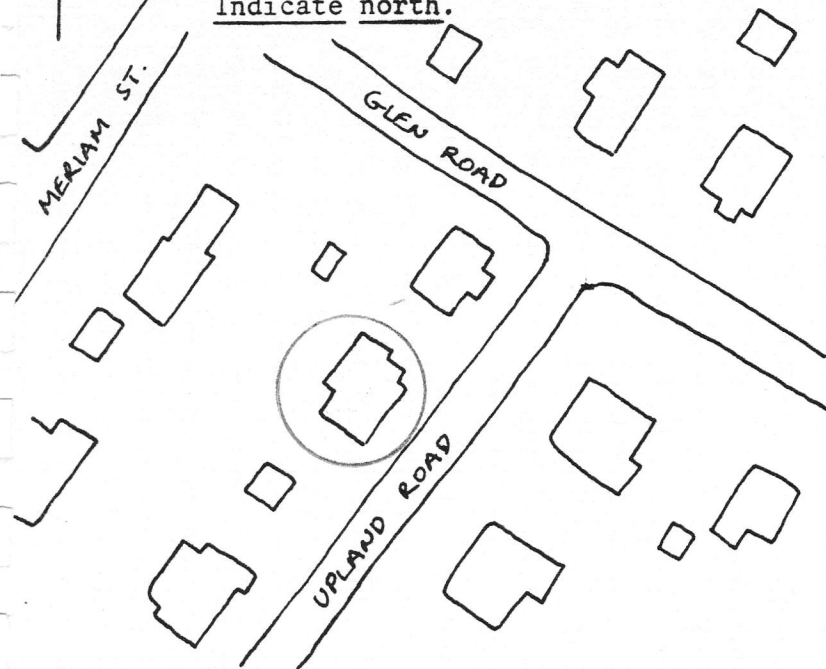
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage .3 A. (12886 ft.²)

Setting Residential street of houses
slightly more modest than those on the
rest of Meriam Hill.

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

One of several houses on this street put up speculatively by Abram C. Washburn, this is one of the builder's few ventures into the Colonial Revival style (6 Upland Road is another). Original exterior features remain including a porch with paired columns and stickwork balustrade, a doorway with leaded glass sidelights, and a three-part window on the second level with dentil course above.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Abram C. Washburn was one of Lexington's most prolific builders in the late nineteenth century. In addition to building for others (such as the house at 2 Oakland Street), he put up houses on speculation in several areas of town including the Upland Road/Glen Road area on Meriam Hill, the Parker Street/Forest Street area, and Bloomfield Street. (See 4 Glen Road form for more information on Washburn.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1889 atlas

1898 map

1906 map

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
4 UPLAND ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

There is no house on this site at the time of the 1898 map. The original owner appears to have been George Leavitt, who is first listed at this address in the 1906 directory. Leavitt worked in Boston and lived here with his wife and two sons. He is last listed here in the 1910 directory.

By 1915 the house was being rented by Walter Faxon, who died in 1920. In 1926 Fletcher Taft resided here.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Lexington Directories, various dates.
Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
U.S. Census Records, 1900-1930.

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